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History and Final Disposition

LD 1620 / HP1148

An Act To Protect Health Care Consumers from Catastrophic Debt. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Presented by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham. Referred to Jt. Standing Comm. on Insurance and Financial Services. Public Hearing 02/03/10. Majority (OTP-AM) Accepted 03/23/10. Amended by: CA H-664. Final Disposition: Enacted, Signed 04/01/10, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 588.

Original Bill

[LD 1620 \(124th Legis. 2010\)](#)

Analyst's Summary of Bill and Enacted Law

[LD 1620 / PL 2009, c. 588](#)

Committee Materials

Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Services

- (Available on request—please include the following citation: cf124-LD-1620.pdf)

New Drafts and Amendments

[Amendment CA \(H-664\) \(LD 1620 2010\) \(Majority\) \(Passed\)](#)

[Amendment SA/CA \(S-444\) \(LD 1620 2010\)](#)

Floor Proceedings and Debate

[HOUSE, January 6, 2010 \(H940-963\)](#)

- p. H-948

[SENATE, January 7, 2010 \(S1227-1244\)](#)

- p. S-1239

[HOUSE, March 4, 2010 \(H1110-1118\)](#)

- p. H-1114 (Amendment(s) H-664)

[HOUSE, March 11, 2010 \(H1137-1147\)](#)

- p. H-1146 (Roll Call(s)) (Amendment(s) H-664)

[HOUSE, March 16, 2010 \(H1148-1156\)](#)

- p. H-1154 (Amendment(s) H-664)

[SENATE, March 17, 2010 \(S1492-1502\)](#)

- p. S-1496 (Amendment(s) H-664)

[SENATE, March 23, 2010 \(S1549-1563\)](#)

- p. S-1557 (Amendment(s) H-664)

[SENATE, March 24, 2010 \(S1564-1598\)](#)

- p. S-1582 (Amendment(s) H-664)

[HOUSE, March 26, 2010 \(H1259-1282\)](#)

- p. H-1264 (Remarks) (Roll Call(s)) (Amendment(s) H-664)

[SENATE, March 26, 2010 \(S1624-1655\)](#)

- p. S-1648 (Amendment(s) H-664)

Enacted Law or Resolve

[PL 2009, c. 588](#)

News Articles

Bill would prohibit caps on insurance (Haskell, Meg) (Bangor Daily News, 2/4/2010, p. B1, B4) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 124/LD16xx/nc124-lid-1620/HlthI1010.pdf)

Our view: Maine should end lifetime insurance caps (Portland Press Herald, 2/23/2010, p. A8) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 124/LD16xx/nc124-lid-1620/P1002083.pdf)

Lifetime cap on health benefits puts all at risk (Kennebec Journal, 2/24/2010, p. A5) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 124/LD16xx/nc124-lid-1620/Clip10588.pdf)

Legislation protects consumers at fractional cost to insurance companies (Berry, Seth and Burgess, Meredith Strang) (Sun-Journal (Lewiston), 3/14/2010, p. C8) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 124/LD16xx/nc124-lid-1620/D1003092.pdf)

Ban on benefit caps helps Mainers (Rooks, Douglas) (Times Record (Brunswick), 4/8/2010, p. A6) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 124/LD16xx/nc124-lid-1620/D1004100.pdf)

Bill would halt caps on benefits (Wilensky-Lanford, Ethan) (Kennebec Journal, , p. A1, A6) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 124/LD16xx/nc124-lid-1620/K1002021.pdf)

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